

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Republic of Moldova

Empowered Citizens Enhancing Accountability of the Education Reform and Quality of Education in Moldova

Grant No.: TF15859

Assignment Title: Identifying an international consultant on social accountability

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): 11

The Independent Think Tank EXPERT-GRUP *has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the "Empowered Citizens Enhancing Accountability of the Education Reform and Quality of Education in Moldova", and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The strategic goal of this initiative is to empower Moldovan citizens to engage local, regional and national authorities in evidence-based policy and budget dialogue regarding educational reform, quality of services, and development priorities of primary, secondary general and upper secondary schools and to enable an environment in which social accountability initiatives thrive and develop.

Within this framework EXPERT-GRUP is seeking the services of a Consultant who will be responsible for conducting a Social Accountability training for the EXPERT-GRUP team and its regional partners and provide feedback on the citizen oversight system of the project. The training on Social Accountability would need to articulate an integrated "SAcc process", where local coalitions are provided with concrete tools to access, understand and use information, as well as to act upon this information through various means.

The EXPERT –GRUP Think Tank now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The short listing criteria are:

- o Professional qualification and involvement in similar projects (30 points);
- o Experience in development, implementation and training on Social Accountability tools (50 points)
- o Proven analytical and writing skills (20 points).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers issued in January 2011* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected based on Consultants' Qualification.

The assignment will be implemented in the period of 7 (seven) months and will be approximately 15 man-days as estimated workload.

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit relevant outputs of similar nature and/or references from customers for whom they have completed similar assignments. Interested candidates should include their CVs and provide references from customers for whom they have completed similar assignments.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from *09:00 to 18:00 hours (Chisinau time)*.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the address below in person, or by mail, or fax, or e-mail by **May 19, 2014** 18:00 hours (Chisinau time).

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